

**MINUTES**  
**The City of Diamondhead**  
**Recessed Regular Council Meeting**

February 9, 2012  
9:00 A.M.  
Garden Room of the Community Center

The City Council of the City of Diamondhead met in a recessed regular meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 9am. Mayor Ingraham called the meeting to order and indicated that all who were present when the meeting recessed were again present when the meeting resumed, with the exception of Councilmember Ron Rech.

The Mayor gave the invocation and noted that proper notice was posted for this meeting.

Councilmember Holcomb led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor recognized Captain Harry Miller, retired from the Medical Service Corp of the United States Navy who recited a poem he wrote on the occasion of the Incorporation of the City of Diamondhead.

Old Business

1. An inter-local agreement with the Hancock County Sheriff's Office that the current level of service provided within the City limits continue at its present level until a detailed inter-local agreement can be worked out for additional or other service by the Sheriff's Office.

The Inter-local agreement was discussed and the City Manager was instructed to contact the Sheriff to discuss continuing to provide the same level of services as is currently agreed upon. The City Manager was asked to request an animal control officer be available to Diamondhead.

2. An inter-local agreement with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors regarding the continued maintenance of county roads within the City limits of Diamondhead through the end of FY 2012 (September 30, 2012)

It was noted that further discussion between the City Attorney Bragg Williams and the County Attorney Ronnie Artigues would be required.

3. The continuation of the current County Zoning and Planning by the County until such time as the City has a comprehensive plan and a zoning ordinance in place with the appropriate committees/commissions and enforcement mechanism in place.

Chris Watson was recognized and he discussed issues involved with the City's comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, and the continuation of current zoning and planning by the County at this time. Mr. Watson requested that any draft planning and zoning documents available be sent to him for review.

4. An Inter-local agreement with the County to continue issuing building permits and inspections.

The City Attorney was asked to meet with the County Attorney as soon as possible to work out the issues involved with the foregoing Inter-local Agreement.

#### New Business

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The following Agenda Item was added by the Mayor.

5. Inter-local Agreement Relating to the Collection of Delinquent Taxes Between Hancock County, Mississippi, and the City of Diamondhead.

It was noted that the Chancery Clerk's Office of Hancock County has agreed to collect delinquent taxes for the City of Diamondhead in the same manner and method as he does for the Cities of Waveland and Bay St. Louis. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to accept the Inter-local Agreement. After brief discussion, the vote was taken. All councilmembers present voted in favor of approving the Agreement and the motion passed. The Agreement will require signature from the President of the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and a copy of the executed document will be attached to the Minutes when available.

6. State of Mississippi Mutual Aid Compact—standard compact between municipalities for mutual assistance in time of large-scale emergencies, such as Katrina. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Robeson, to adopt the SMAC. All presented in the affirmative by name and the motion passed; Councilmember Rech was absent.

#### Return to the Regular Agenda

7. Appointment of Diamondhead Representative to the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority and Confirmation that Garbage and solid waste pickup/disposal will continue uninterrupted.

After discussion, the Mayor recommended the appointment of the City Manager to represent the City of Diamondhead and Councilmember Knobloch as an observer to the Hancock County Solid Waste Authority. It was noted that the City Manager and Councilmember were invited to attend the meetings but that they would have no vote. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to accept the Mayor's recommendation. All presented in the affirmative by name; Councilmember Rech was absent.

At this time, the Mayor called for a short recess at 10:15am. The Councilmembers returned at 10:26am and it was noted that all who were present before had returned.

8. Initial Budget Discussion was delayed until the end of the Council meeting.
9. Voter District Determination—Discussion of this issue was delayed until a Council Work Session.
10. Development of a Comprehensive Plan—Discussion of this issue was delayed until a Council Work Session.
11. Preclearance by the Department of Justice—Discussion of this issue was delayed until a Council Work Session.



12. Adoption of Agenda Format—The proposed Agenda format was discussed and revised. Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, to approve the Agenda Format as revised. All Councilmembers presented in the affirmative by name; Councilmember Rech was absent and the motion passed. In continuing discussion of the Agenda, the Mayor proposed the cutoff for Agenda items be at noon on Wednesday prior to the Council meeting on Monday. Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson to accept the recommendation. All Councilmembers presented in the affirmative by name; Councilmember Rech was absent, and the motion passed.
13. Contract For IT Services--Discussion of this issue was delayed until a Council Work Session.
14. Posting of bids and Other Notices—The City Manager requested additional information on advertising for depositories. Attorney Mills indicated that he would provide the City Manager with the necessary information.
15. Work Sessions—Procedures for Work Sessions were discussed.
16. Agreement with the POA for Space--The Mayor read the proposed terms of the Agreement, which are: 500 square feet of Office Space for \$250/month, including utilities. Use of any conference and meeting space as available for \$500/month. Plus actual costs for copies, long distance as incurred, labor for setup/teardown or other costs; a total of \$750 per month plus out-of-pocket costs. Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson to accept the terms of the contract. After further discussion, Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb to amend the motion to include the following: 1. A terminal date, recommended to be 30 Sept 2012; and 2. Provision for forbearance as follows: The POA will specifically agree that rent and charges shall not be considered due and owing until sufficient revenue is on hand to satisfy such. All presented in the affirmative by name and the motion to amend passed. Councilmember Rech was absent. An executed copy of the Agreement will be attached to the Minutes when available.

Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to accept the proposed contract. All presented in the affirmative by name; and the motion passed. Councilmember Rech was absent.

Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, that the City designate 5300 Diamondhead Circle as the official repository of City records. All presented in the affirmative by name; and the motion passed. Councilmember Rech was absent.

17. The Mayor indicated that he would like to appoint a Finance Committee consisting of Bill Powers, Joe Lakoda, and Rodney Ackerman. He indicated that each has experience in the field of finance and were well qualified. Councilmember Roberson seconded the recommendation. Councilmember Ackerman indicated that one of the appointees is her husband and expressed concerns regarding the public's perception. Attorney Mills indicated that there is no legal conflict for a volunteer position. All presented in the affirmative by name with the exception of Councilmember Ackerman who abstained; and the motion passed. Councilmember Rech was absent. The Mayor indicated that in the Council/Manager form of government, four votes in the affirmative were required to pass a motion. The motion passed.
18. The Mayor asked for citizen input and questions at this time but there were none.

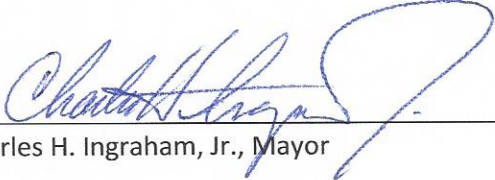
19. The Mayor recognized Chris Watson of Bridge and Watson at this time. Mr. Watson addressed Council on Preclearance for the City of Diamondhead, the setting up of voting districts, the establishment of elections commission, and the designation of polling places in Diamondhead.

The meeting was recessed at 11:46am until 1:00pm.


The meeting resumed at 1:15pm. All who were present when recessed were present again.

Mr. Watson resumed relaying information regarding Redistricting, the Comprehensive Plan, and Appointing a Planning Commission.

20. Mr. Tim Youngblood of Bridge and Watson was recognized. Mr. Youngblood gave an overview of the proposed budget based upon information they had received. It was noted that the budget as he presented would change as more information was obtained.
21. Attorney Mills was recognized and he instructed Attorney Williams to prepare an ordinance creating the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Council Meeting scheduled for February 20, 2012.
22. Councilmember Knobloch was recognized with a suggestion to schedule regular work sessions. The Mayor requested that Councilmember Knobloch prepare a proposal for the recessed meeting scheduled for February 14, 2012.
23. The Mayor thanked Councilmember Roberson for obtaining the name plates for Councilmembers.
24. There being no further business to discuss at this time, Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Holcomb, to recess the meeting until Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 1pm, in the Garden Room of the Community Center. After a unanimous vote, the motion passed and the meeting was recessed at 3:45pm.



Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor



Sue W. Foster,  
Interim City Clerk

Notice of the meeting was posted on February 6, 2012 at Diamondhead Country Club and City Hall.